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Update on Timorese students in Jakarta

(Confidential)

I mentioned in the addendum to yesterday's fax that several Timorese have fled to Jakarta and are considering seeking asylum à la Bejing in one or more foreign embassies.

The group now numbers 8 persons. Namely

1. Lucas da Costa (from Dili, formerly university student in Bali)
2. Joao dos Reis (student from Jakarta)
3. Miguel Amaral Guterres (student from Bali)
4. Fernando de Araujo (student from Bali)
5. Avelino Coelho da Silva (student from Bali)
6. Agapito Cardosa (student from Bali)
7. Carlos da Silva Lopes (student from Bali)
8. Marciano Garcia da Silva (student from Bali)

There is some doubt regarding Miguel Guterres' relationship with the group and his thinking. (Miguel is the brother of Jose Guterres, Fretilin rep. in Mozambique).

They have been to talk to the ICRC in Jakarta.

Financial assistance is urgently needed.

Will advise on further developments.

Best regards

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